[Mr. K. Madhava Kurup.]

bearing on the scope of the scheme the Municipal Council has decided upon.

(c) No. He can submit a report to Government only after he receives the reply of the President whom he has reminded.

(d) Does not arise in view of the answer to (c).

*Dust in roads.*

311. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware of the dust problem in the various roads in the State; and

(b) whether they have received any offer from anybody suggesting a contrivance to absorb the dust?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

*Fee concession in College classes.*

312. * MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the communities that receive fee concession in college classes in the State?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): Students of the Mahomedan community alone are eligible for fee concession in departmental colleges.

*Opening of Rural Libraries.*

313. * MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether new rural libraries are to be opened from the beginning of the next school year in any of the Vernacular schools;

(b) whether the Director of Public Instruction has received any application for opening a rural library in Pallickal V. P. Girls' School in Mavelikara taluk; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, the step taken on the same?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(a) The matter is under consideration.

(b) No.

(c) This does not arise in view of answer to part (b).

*The A. V. M. Canal.*

314. * MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they contemplate resuming the work of completing the A. V. M. Canal as originally proposed?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. ESWARA PILLI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know how far the A. V. M. Canal is navigable now?

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